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PUBLIC USE OF NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES--1959

The nearly 10 million visitors on the National Wildlife Refuges in 1959 represent a 9 percent increase over the visitor-days of public use in 1958. The 9,936,000 visitor-days were divided as follows:

Hunting	5 percent	481,500
Fishing	32 percent	3,185,350
Miscellaneous	63 percent	6,269,300

Wildlife observations, picnicking, and swimming were the most popular. Recreation is permitted on designated portions of 138 of the 275 refuges where such coordinated use can be accomplished without defeating the primary objective for which the refuge was established.

The following tabulation of public use, arranged by regions, is based upon information submitted by all refuge managers:

REGION 1 (Pacific)

Refuge	Total Use	Hunting Use	Fishing Use	Miscellaneous Use
Bowdoin	16,000	250	--	15,750
Camas	1,174	166	--	1,008
Clear Lake	4,000	--	--	4,000
Cold Springs	8,000	--	5,900	2,100
Columbia	75,355	8,730	41,515	25,110
Colusa	7,244	3,220	300	3,724
Deer Flat	111,037	500	40,000	70,537
Desert Game	114,745	2,400	1,500	110,845
Fort Peck	172,175	20,475	33,000	118,700
Hart Mountain	3,690	1,440	250	2,000
Little Pend Oreille	16,404	4,800	5,200	6,404
Lower Klamath	55,153	13,953	--	41,200
Malheur	11,000	646	2,200	8,154
McKay Creek	7,600	500	4,000	3,000
McNary	3,000	--	2,000	1,000
Medicine Lake	30,000	85	--	29,915
Merced	1,572	1,342	--	230
Minidoka	22,130	--	6,890	15,240
National Bison	28,000	--	--	28,000
Nine-Pipe	11,000	--	9,000	2,000
Pablo	2,000	--	1,700	300
Red Rock Lakes	812	452	250	110
Ruby Lake	21,838	300	200	10,166

Refuge	Total Use	Hunting Use	Fishing Use	Miscellaneous Use
Sacramento	18,755	--	250	18,505
Salton Sea	6,921	221	200	6,500
Sheldon	7,600	1,400	200	6,000
Snake River	700	500	150	50
Stillwater	13,400	7,000	4,000	2,400
Sutter	12,100	3,978	6,500	1,622
Tule Lake	78,248	13,048	--	65,200
Turnbull	3,500	--	--	3,500
Upper Klamath	13,000	1,500	7,000	4,500
Willapa	1,455	455	--	1,000
Total	879,608	87,361	183,377	608,870

REGION 2 (Southwest)

Aransas	17,646	--	--	17,646
Bear River	18,726	3,666	1,644	13,416
Bitter Lake	13,195	--	7,137	6,058
Bosque del Apache	2,500	--	1,000	1,500
Buffalo Lake	100,615	--	1,095	99,520
Cabeza Prieta	470	--	--	470
Fish Springs	149	70	--	79
Hagerman	9,800	--	5,200	4,600
Havasu Lake	317,420	500	136,445	180,475
Hutton Lake	400	--	--	400
Imperial	87,705	1,400	37,300	49,005
Kirwin	211,558	--	130,000	81,558
Kofa	4,750	400	--	4,350
Laguna Atascosa	12,832	--	10,000	2,832
Monte Vista	5,990	1,991	1,099	2,900
Muleshoe	4,000	--	25	3,975
National Elk	46,448	--	1,650	44,798
Pathfinder	8,100	1,000	2,300	4,800
Quivira	500	--	--	500
Salt Plains	168,884	--	8,500	160,384
San Andres	1,328	974	--	354
Santa Ana	2,646	--	--	2,646
Tishomingo	23,000	460	12,310	10,230
Wichita Mountains	899,028	--	38,300	860,728
Total	1,957,690	10,461	394,005	1,553,224

REGION 3 (North-central)

Arrowwood	18,100	300	1,800	16,000
Bear Butte	7,000	--	3,000	4,000
Chautauqua	34,810	826	29,124	4,860
Crab Orchard	1,308,000	23,800	70,300	1,213,900
Crescent Lake	174	--	--	174
Des Lacs	9,200	200	--	9,000

Refuge	Total Use	Hunting Use	Fishing Use	Miscellaneous Use
Fort Niobrara	15,300	--	--	15,300
Horicon	390,000	150,000	40,000	200,000
Lacreek	14,300	800	3,500	10,000
Lake Andes	180	--	160	20
Lake Ilo	5,400	--	2,000	3,400
Long Lake	1,050	250	600	200
Lostwood	335	105	--	230
Lower Souris	4,030	1,800	100	2,130
Mark Twain	52,421	15,223	27,973	9,225
Mingo	36,500	--	30,000	6,500
Mud Lake	13,179	1,079	--	12,100
Necedah	95,000	40,000	5,000	50,000
Rice Lake	1,720	300	600	820
Sand Lake	4,670	350	500	3,820
Seney	34,400	4,200	3,900	26,300
Shiawassee	11,350	3,000	4,000	4,350
Slade	26,200	100	--	26,100
Snake Creek	90	60	--	30
Squaw Creek	6,000	--	2,000	4,000
Sullys Hill	37,100	--	--	37,100
Swan Lake	46,750	11,500	5,250	30,000
Tamarac	20,771	2,751	3,000	15,020
Tewaukon	11,000	--	8,500	2,500
Union Slough	7,816	--	428	7,388
Upper Mississippi	2,860,081	68,230	1,296,646	1,495,205
Upper Souris	48,950	900	40,000	8,050
Valentine	11,500	--	3,300	8,200
Waubay	7,681	181	--	7,500
Total	5,141,058	325,955	1,581,681	3,233,422

REGION 4 (Southeast)

Back Bay	4,200	--	1,800	2,400
Big Lake	32,000	--	16,000	16,000
Blackbeard Island	4,347	747	2,100	1,500
Blackwater	13,462	--	462	13,000
Cape Romain	4,235	210	2,175	1,850
Carolina Sandhills	5,750	--	3,050	2,700
Chassahowitzka	5,610	210	4,900	500
Chincoteague	11,000	--	3,000	8,000
Delta	31,900	--	900	31,000
Great White Heron, Key West, and Key Deer	85,000	--	68,000	17,000
Gulf Island	500	--	--	500
Holla Bend	200	--	150	50
Kentucky Woodlands	380,120	2,120	265,000	113,000
Lacassine	53,300	--	23,300	30,000
Loxahatchee	27,200	200	26,000	1,000
Mattamuskeet	49,846	3,846	16,000	30,000

Refuge	Total Use	Hunting Use	Fishing Use	Miscellaneous Use
Noxubee	60,500	17,000	11,435	32,065
Okefenokee	122,000	--	15,000	107,000
Pea Island	13,000	--	3,000	10,000
Piedmont	5,924	324	200	5,400
Presquile	35	--	--	35
Reelfoot-Lake Isom	55,714	--	51,798	3,916
Sabine	22,000	--	19,000	3,000
Sanibel	143,000	--	36,000	107,000
Santee	80,000	--	67,000	13,000
St. Marks	42,478	478	7,000	35,000
Savannah	5,500	--	1,500	4,000
Susquehanna	4,200	--	1,100	3,100
Swanquarter	9,000	--	5,000	4,000
Tennessee	175,000	--	130,000	45,000
Wheeler	175,485	3,900	154,485	17,100
White River	49,260	6,260	35,000	8,000
Yazoo	500	--	--	500
Total	1,672,266	35,295	970,355	666,616
REGION 5 (Northeast)				
Bombay Hook	6,550	700	500	5,350
Brigantine	18,230	730	8,000	9,500
Great Meadows	2,800	8	--	2,792
Killcohook	2,000	--	--	2,000
Missisquoi	4,451	141	1,500	2,810
Monomoy	10,380	--	1,500	8,880
Montezuma	19,415	1,325	7,000	11,090
Moosehorn	9,400	1,500	1,200	6,700
Morton	2,450	--	--	2,450
Oak Orchard	4,700	2,500	200	2,000
Parker River	164,541	528	16,024	147,989
Troy Meadows	606	--	--	606
Total	245,523	7,432	35,924	202,167
REGION 6 (Alaska)				
Kenai	40,000	15,000	20,000	5,000
GRAND TOTALS	9,936,145	481,504	3,185,342	6,269,299

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